



**Meeting of the EU Affairs Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee
Chairs hosted by the Committee on Foreign Policy and European
Integration of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova**

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FINAL RESOLUTION

In the context of the Meeting of the EU Affairs Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs,

reaffirming that the indisputable right to guarantee a democratic, free, and prosperous future for the Republic of Moldova belongs to the people of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter – "Moldova"),

recognizing that the people have decided, through the last presidential and parliamentary elections, that the path of European integration is a way to achieve this right,

having regard to the Republic of Moldova's application for EU membership of 3 March 2022,

having regard to the European Council's consequent granting of candidate status on 23 June 2022,

and **recognizing** that the EU integration is a merit-based process,

Moldova is confirming its aspirations and commitment to become a member of the European Union at an important moment for the country, as it is awaiting the recommendations of the European Commission to the European Council as part of the Enlargement Package report scheduled for publication next week.

As **Moldova** submitted its application to join the EU on 3 March 2022 and has been an EU candidate country since 23 June 2022, it has continued to intensify and deepen relations with the European Union both through consolidating political dialogue and further deepening the sectoral cooperation.

Moldova's Government has taken on a robust political, judicial, and institutional reform process, confirming its unwavering commitment and competence in accomplishing the nine steps outlined in the Commission's Opinion of June 2022 to satisfy the prerequisites for the opening of accession negotiations. The June 2023 Oral update by the EU Commission to the Council confirmed that Moldova is on the right track, as three of the steps were deemed complete and that significant progress has been made on other three steps, while ongoing work was recognized for the other three.

We, the participants in the Meeting, recognize and commend the progress Moldova made on the justice sector reform, the sustained deoligarchisation and anti-corruption efforts despite entrenched interest and challenges they pose.

This initiative stands as a reaffirmation of the dedication of the EU nations gathered today to the prospective EU membership of Moldova. It recognizes that the future of Moldova and its citizens lies within the European Union, thereby underscoring the value of the role that the EU support for the country has for a more cohesive and resilient Europe. In the tumultuous context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the profound sacrifices made by Ukraine in its relentless effort to shield the European continent, Moldova carries a profound moral imperative to steadfastly advance its commitments to the cherished principles of democratic values that European Union stands by.

We stand resolute to further support Moldova's reform process. Moldova is to continue with dedication on its path to European integration not only in order to achieve the political objective of the EU membership, but also to foster the direct improvement of the living standards of the population and ensure guarantee of the European values of democracy, rule of law, human rights and national minorities rights, peace and security. In cultivating this environment, we recognize that we are contributing to the very foundation upon which the future of Moldova will stand for the generations to come.

We are firmly determined to continue to provide assistance to the Republic of Moldova to achieve the political objective of the EU membership and also to foster the direct improvement of living standards for its people. This commitment reflects our unwavering dedication to shaping a future that is not only prosperous, but also deeply resonant with the aspirations of Moldova's citizens.

This is a **commitment** that transcends the political sphere, transcends the present moment, and extends far into the horizon, where the promise of a united and prosperous Moldova awaits, a future we are collectively striving to craft with unwavering determination and hope. Together, we shall continue this journey, united by our shared vision of a brighter and more prosperous Moldova and dedicated to realizing the dreams of its citizens.

Moldova and the EU Member States eagerly await the forthcoming evaluation by the Commission regarding Moldova's progress in fulfilling the benchmarks articulated in the Commission's opinion as part of the 2023 enlargement package.

We look forward to a decision of the European Council on possible further steps regarding Moldova's EU integration, based on the European Commission's forthcoming evaluation report. We call on the Commission and the European Council to further support Moldova's fight for democracy, reaffirming the sovereign decision of the Republic of Moldova to follow its development path.

Moldova will continue its efforts to advance on the EU accession path. The EU Member States are determined to support Moldova's profound transformation agenda on its way to the EU membership and to get the European Union to reform itself so that it can integrate new members.

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